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Welcome



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Welcome to *Oasis*. The eagle-eyed among you will have noticed a refreshed look to the magazine – we hope you like it. We have also introduced some new features so there's something for everyone. You'll find letters from supporters on key issues, a photo story from Bangladesh, and a technology section to explain one of WaterAid's simple solutions helping to transform communities. You may even find yourself playing the games in the children's section Splash out!

As you flick through you'll see there are lots of new and easy ways to support WaterAid, whether it's donating, running, shopping, singing, dancing or campaigning. Your activities raise vital funds and make the water and sanitation crisis increasingly difficult to ignore. Don't just take my word for it, read what the UK Secretary of State for International Development had to say about the power of WaterAid supporters' campaigning efforts on p.14.

Thank you for helping to change poor communities' lives, for raising awareness of the crisis here in the UK and for demanding politicians take the action that's so desperately needed. You are helping to change the world. Please let us know what you think of *Oasis*. Happy reading, and when you've finished please pass it on!

Barbara Frost Chief Executive



WaterAid is a leading independent organisation which enables the world's poorest people to gain access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene education. We work in Africa, Asia and the Pacific region and campaign globally with our partners to realise our vision of a world where everyone has access to these basic human rights.

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Millions reached in Bangladesh

Our Advancing Sustainable Environmental Health project in Bangladesh, funded by the UK Department for International Development, ended this year having reached over five million people with sanitation and almost two million with safe water since 2003. The project used a 'total sanitation' approach where whole communities worked with partners to build sustainable facilities and put a stop to open defecation. We estimate that the people reached have saved in the region of US\$10 million in medical expenses due to improved health.

Find out more about WaterAid in Bangladesh at www.wateraid.org/bangladesh

Go to p.10 to see Munem Wasif's powerful images of Bangladesh



Children stand by a new water pump being installed in a slum in Chittagong, Bangladesh.

WaterAid at Glastonbury 2009



Our presence at Glastonbury Festival as an official charity is a great opportunity to talk to thousands of people about our work. This year didn't disappoint, with over 18,000 revellers signing our petition calling on Gordon Brown to be a sanitation champion. MP Nick Clegg, Leader of the Lib Dems (pictured), singers VV Brown and Paolo Nutini and a host of other stars stopped by to add their names.

Glastonbury's founder Michael Eavis announced that he is doubling the proceeds to charity this year. We also raised £18,000 from generous festival-goers.

Read the entertaining blog at www.wateraid.org/glasto

"Water and sanitation needs to be a central part of our work to tackle effectively the global poverty that still scars our world."
Douglas Alexander, UK Secretary of State for International Development

G8 summit

In early July the G8 leaders met for their annual summit, this year in L'Aquila, Italy. WaterAid supporters' incredible campaigning efforts brought real pressure on the UK Government. Ahead of the summit 80,000 of your signed 'child's play' postcards were handed into Gordon Brown asking him to champion the Global Framework for Action on Sanitation and Water. The Prime Minister clearly heard our calls – emphasising the importance of water and sanitation on his return to Parliament.

Despite this, the G8 broke last year's promise to finally tackle the global water and sanitation crisis. Together we must continue to put pressure on the UK and other governments to lift the bar of ambition for the Global Framework for Action. Millions of lives depend upon urgent action.

The next few months leading up to the international 'High Level Meeting on Water and Sanitation' are key to ensuring that concrete action is taken. Find out how you can take action at www.wateraid.org/campaigns.

News in brief

WaterAid launches in Sweden

We launched our Sweden office in June. Our new colleagues in Stockholm will fundraise and add their strong expertise to our work. Welcome to our Chair Jan Eliasson, the former United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Darfur, and General Secretary Per Stenbeck, former UNICEF International Fundraising Director.



Triathlon

WaterAid was an official charity at this August's London Triathlon. Our team swam, biked and ran like champions! Thanks for such a Herculean effort. If you think you're made of the right stuff for 2010 then sign up at www.wateraid.org/triathlon.

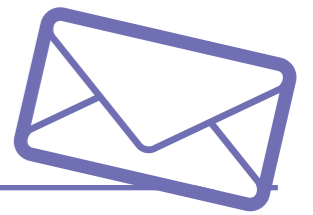
Find out more about WaterAid

You are very welcome to attend the Annual Supporters' Meeting in London on Thursday 8 October to hear all about our work over the year. Call us on **0845 6000 433** for details. Also, keep an eye out for our Annual Report 2008/09 which will be published in October at www.wateraid.org/annualreport.



Congratulations Doug!

Volunteer Doug Muncey has been awarded an MBE for services to WaterAid in this year's honours list. After more than 20 years with WaterAid (and still going strong!) he is truly an integral and much loved part of the WaterAid team – well done Doug!



From our work in the field to how we use every pound we raise: here we answer a selection of recent queries from WaterAid supporters.

Bangladesh cyclone

The devastation caused by Cyclone Aila in Bangladesh and neighbouring parts of India is incredibly sad to see. News reports have been talking about contamination of fresh water supplies by sea water flooding far inland. How serious is the problem and is WaterAid's work affected?

Karen Sussman, Barnet

Oasis replies: WaterAid works in Satkhira's coastal belt in Bangladesh where many freshwater sources were inundated with saltwater. WaterAid is not a disaster relief agency but we are supporting our partners with logistics and extra finance to provide emergency water while permanent water sources are being rehabilitated.

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See Munem Wasif's photos on p.10

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Go to www.wateraid.org/bangladesh

Each copy of *Oasis* costs just 14p to produce, plus P&P. It is printed on recycled paper and mailed in a degradable wrapper. Please pass it on! If you would prefer to receive *Oasis* by email instead, please call **0845 6000 433**.

Am I making a difference?

I received a copy of your 'it should be child's play' postcard in the Spring edition of *Oasis*. I signed and returned this as I think it's really important to make a noise about these things and keep up the pressure on MPs. I'd love to think it'll make a difference, but will it?

Joanna Large, Essex

Oasis replies: One voice is easy to ignore, but thousands of voices creates real public pressure on MPs to act! Your support for our campaigns is hugely important to their success – so, a massive thank you for signing the postcard.

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See p.14 to read all about the impact that WaterAid campaigners have on those in power

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Get involved at www.wateraid.org/campaigns

Where does my money go?

I am considering making a regular donation to WaterAid, but first I would like to know how much of my money would go to administration costs?
Jo Alves, Dulwich, London

Oasis replies: In 2008/09 79p in every pound donated was spent supporting partners to deliver water, sanitation and hygiene education services, and changing policy for the better. 21p in every pound was spent on raising further funds, increasing our income by 8%. Our Annual Report contains all financial details.

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Go to www.wateraid.org/annualreport

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To donate to WaterAid call **0845 6000 433** or visit www.wateraid.org/donate

Talking taps and toilets

I had my first experience of speaking for WaterAid and I found it extremely enjoyable. Giving this talk helped me revive my own enthusiasm for the subject as I saw how captivated my young audience was by the WaterAid case studies from across the world that I presented to them.

Karen Walker, Geneva



Valy Adeline washes her hands at school in Madagascar. Your support is helping WaterAid's partners teach Valy and her classmates about good hygiene: "I have learnt every time you leave the loo you wash your hands and every time you have to wash your hands before eating too," she says.

Oasis replies: Thank you. We really appreciate your feedback. WaterAid's volunteer speakers like Karen can bring our work to life at your school, church, club or group.

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To request a talk please visit www.wateraid.org/speakers

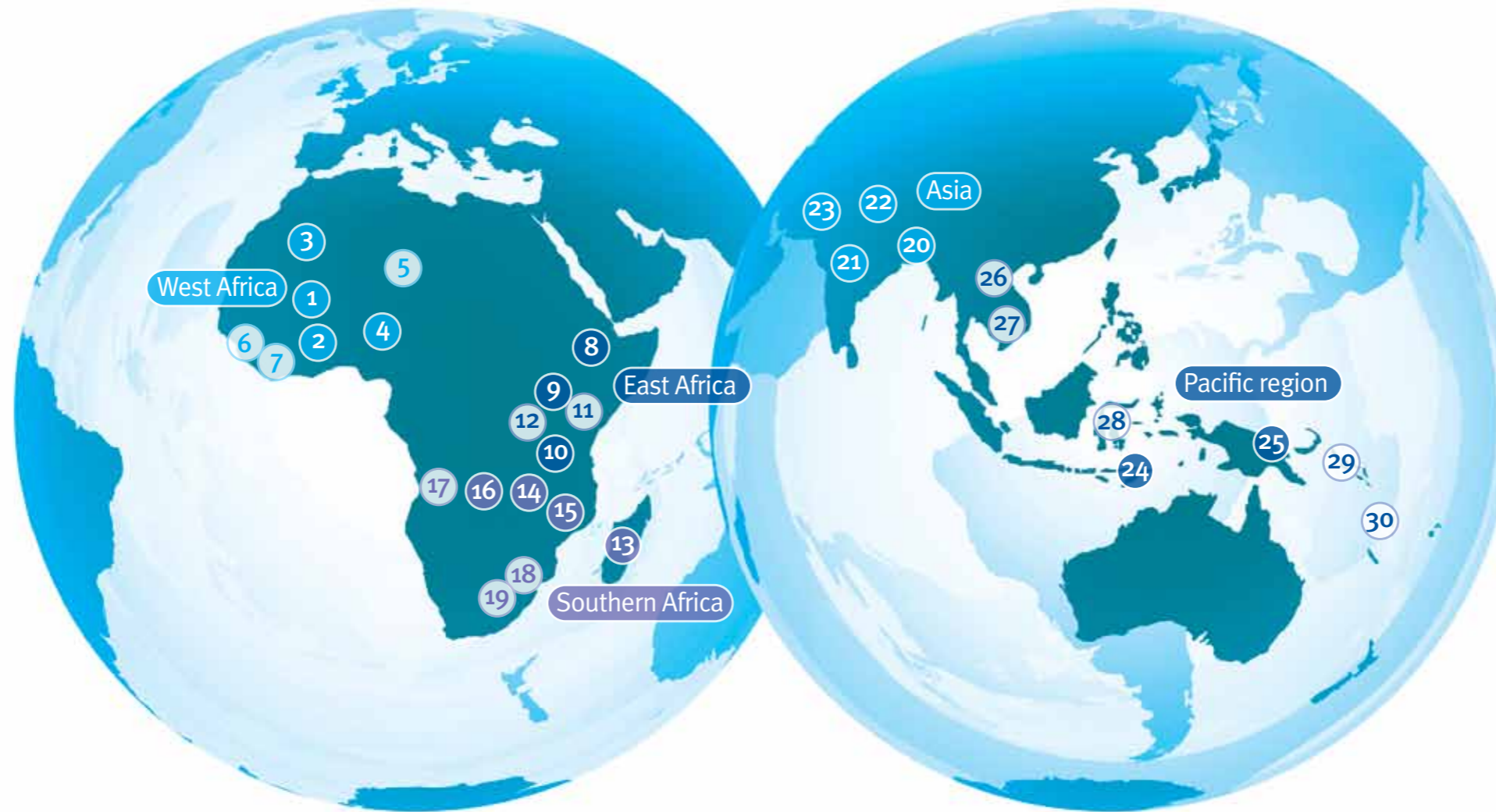
WaterAid's Supporter Care Team can be contacted at supportercare@wateraid.org or on **0845 6000 433**.



WaterAid's work around the world

See WaterAid's work through Google Earth. Visit www.wateraid.org/googleearth to find out how. Call **0845 6000 433** for copies of our country information sheets or simply visit www.wateraid.org.

WaterAid's new 2010-2015 strategy is going to take us into new countries, working with new partner organisations to help more people gain access to safe water, sanitation and improved hygiene.



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East Africa

Our new programmes in East Africa will be in Rwanda and Kenya. WaterAid left Kenya in the 1990s but the subsequent lack of progress on water and sanitation has led us to re-establish a presence. Our plans in Rwanda include water point mapping to ensure services reach those most in need.

West Africa

In West Africa we will be expanding into Niger, Liberia and Sierra Leone. WaterAid used to work in Sierra Leone but had to pull out in 1997 when the conflict escalated. As in the rest of the region, we plan to use community-led approaches to providing sanitation with a focus on hygiene education.

Southern Africa

New work in Angola, Swaziland and Lesotho will focus on influencing the government to prioritise water and sanitation in national policies. To tackle unsafe hygiene practices WaterAid will focus its efforts on developing hygiene education programmes.

Asia

There are no plans to expand into other countries in Asia. Our Bangladesh programme will move into a new phase after completing a five-year project that reached seven million people. WaterAid in India is currently registering as a national charity. In Pakistan and Nepal we are continuing our work while monitoring the security situations.

Pacific region

In Papua New Guinea we are developing a new strategy while in Timor Leste there are plans to open a country office. We plan to start new programmes in Laos, Cambodia, Indonesia, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu over the next five years.

Salt water tears

Photographs of Satkhira, Bangladesh, by Munem Wasif



Photos: ©Munem Wasif courtesy of Prix Pictet 2008

A quest for water. Bolabaria, Satkhira.

Life in Satkhira is dominated by water. These low lying areas are increasingly affected by flooding, salinity has risen because of commercial shrimp farming and the search for fresh water gets harder all the time. Usable land is at a premium and, as the human

population and wildlife that live here are forced closer together, tiger attacks and diseases are rising. WaterAid will be working in Satkhira to enable the communities to access safe, clean water close to home. To see more images visit: www.wateraid.org/wasif.

“When I went to Satkhira and I saw that people don’t have fresh water, for me it was really, really strange because I can see water in front of me everywhere. But the water was saline, the water was not fresh to drink and women have to walk five to six hours every day, mile after mile to have fresh water. So to me it was unthinkable.”
Photographer, Munem Wasif.



Shajhan Siraj and his brothers push boats through low tide into the sea. The boats are filled with fresh water which they have collected inland. It takes them three hours a day to make this journey. Datinakhali, Satkhira.



Joya Rani Sanal has developed a method of collecting rainwater in polythene bags. Bolabaria, Satkhira.



The land bears the footprints of women walking for water. Patrakhola. Satkhira.

First person

The source of all their problems



Lydia stands by the unsafe water source.

Photos: WaterAid/Eva-Lotta Jansson

Lydia Sestone, from Mozambique's Zambezia region, has no choice but to collect water from a source she knows will make her children seriously ill, reports *Mary Trafford*.

Lydia's family are constantly suffering from diarrhoea. She knows that the village's only water source is to blame.

She says, "I have no other way of serving my thirst, I have to go to this source even though I know it is not clean."

"Every two days at least one child suffers from diarrhoea. When the children are sick sometimes I have to take them to the hospital – this happens every month. It takes three hours to get there. It's very difficult for a sick child to walk all that way."

Lydia lives in Diba, in Mozambique's Zambezia region. This small village sits high above sea level. Breathtaking mountain views give the impression that to live there would be idyllic. Until you see the only water source – a shallow body of grey water.

This turbid pool is fed by a mountain stream which, with a little investment, could flow with cool, clean water. Spring protection is a simple, sustainable way to bring safe water to people who need it most; families like Lydia's,

whose lives are being blighted by the water they are forced to drink every day.

There is hope for the people of Diba. Thanks to WaterAid supporters their water worries will soon be a thing of the past. Over the next year work will begin on a spring protection project that will ensure a healthier future for Lydia and her family.

"If I had clean water it would be a good thing for me and my family. I wouldn't take such a long time fetching water from the well and my family would be healthier."

Find out more about spring protection at www.wateraid.org/technology.



If the spring was protected then this water could be clean, clear and safe for Lydia and her family.

Did you know...

Mozambique is three times the size of the UK and has a 2,400km coastline.

In 2008/09 we reached over 61,000 people with safe water and 42,000 with sanitation in Mozambique.

Zambezia province is about 1,200m north of the capital Maputo, over a two hour flight away.

The River Zambezi, the fourth-longest in Africa, empties into the Indian Ocean near Chinde in the south of the province.

In Zambezia, fewer than one in five people have access to either safe water or sanitation. Over one in ten children die before their fifth birthday.

Douglas Alexander

UK Secretary of State for International Development

WaterAid's Chief Executive Barbara Frost finds out how the British Government is dealing with the water and sanitation crisis, and what they think of WaterAid.

If you have signed one of our petitions in recent months or written to your MP you may have wondered if the message ever reaches the top. Does public pressure really influence the big decisions? I interviewed Douglas Alexander to find out.

First of all, I asked him where he put water and sanitation in his list of priorities. He said, "I think often in Britain we forget just how fundamental water and sanitation is to human dignity, to human decency, and

to aspirations of people across the developing world."

To challenge this neglect, thousands of you have joined WaterAid in pushing the UK Government to talk taps and toilets and get behind a 'global framework for action on water and sanitation' – a way of galvanising international efforts to tackle the crisis. So, what did he think of your campaigning efforts?

"It's much easier as a government minister... if

you have the support of the public behind you," he said. "It means you can sit down at international conferences and argue convincingly that other governments have a responsibility to act as well.

"It was partly the campaigning of organisations like WaterAid which moved me to make this commitment that we would first double and then double again the amount of money that we are spending on water and sanitation: an unprecedented five-year commitment of a billion pounds."

As we always say at WaterAid: nothing changes without campaigning.

Your emails, letters, demonstrations and events have helped make the sanitation and water crisis impossible to ignore.

We've come far, but there is still a long way to go. So how can we all work together to ensure words are followed by action? The Secretary of State had a message for WaterAid



Douglas Alexander and Barbara in conversation at his offices.

Photos: WaterAid/Layton Thompson

Three ways to campaign with WaterAid

- 1 Sign up to receive *Take action* twice a year by post or by email. The pack includes the latest campaign actions you can take.
- 2 Get hold of a copy of *WaterAid's guide to influencing your MP* to help you convince your elected representative to ensure water and sanitation for all.
- 3 Join a WaterAid local group or set one up yourself and make campaigning a team effort in your community.

For more information on any of the above please email campaigns@wateraid.org with your full name and address or call **0845 6000 433**.

For more information on WaterAid's campaigns go to www.wateraid.org/getinvolved.

supporters: "Vital as the money is, your engagement, your activism, and your concern also matters. And whether that's supporting the campaign work that WaterAid engages in, whether that's writing in to the Government or to members of parliament, whether it's asking questions at a public meeting, then I think there is a big contribution that everybody can make.

"I think resources and finances matter, but so do people of goodwill, conscience and concern. Those are really

the only people who have ever changed the world, and I know at WaterAid you've got a lot of people like that."

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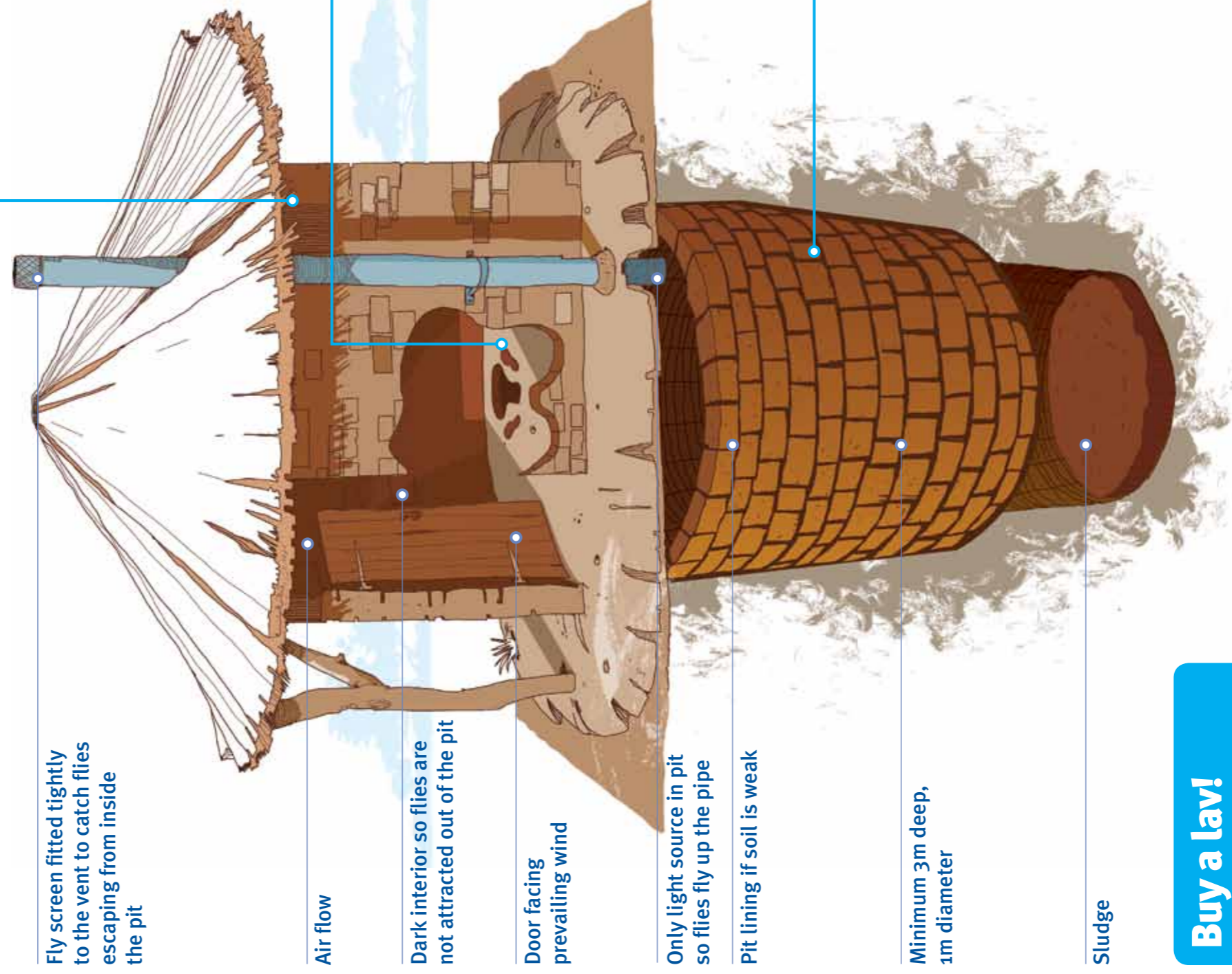
To watch excerpts from Barbara's interview go to www.wateraid.org/douglasalexander.

Technology

The ventilated improved pit (VIP) latrine

About 2.5 billion people around the world live without access to adequate sanitation. However, solutions to this huge problem can be both cheap and simple. With basic, locally available materials and some training, community members can build and maintain latrines that suit them and their environment.

The three main components of any latrine are a superstructure, a pit and a covering platform, as you can see in this diagram of the VIP latrine – popular in many of the communities we work with.



Fly screen fitted tightly to the vent to catch flies escaping from inside the pit

Air flow

Dark interior so flies are not attracted out of the pit

Door facing prevailing wind

Only light source in pit so flies fly up the pipe

Pit lining if soil is weak

Minimum 3m deep, 1m diameter

Sludge

Buy a lav!

Give someone a unique gift. Just £30 could buy a low-cost family toilet. £15 could train a mason to make platforms and line pits like in the picture above.

Visit www.wateraid.org/shop to find out more.

Illustration by peter-mac.com

Pick a loo!

To find out more about different toilet technologies have a look at our online flipbook at www.wateraid.org/technologyflipbook.



WaterAid/Layton Thompson

Superstructure

The cheapest superstructures are made from nylon rice sacks or wood. More permanent options include corrugated iron or cement blocks.

“Having a latrine has made a big difference because before I had to defecate in the bush. Life has improved and now my family do not get sick and there are fewer flies.”

Christine Adeke, Ottingo Village, Uganda



WaterAid/Caroline Ijby

Platform

Platforms are usually simple cement slabs with either a hole cut out or a pan that you flush with water. They often have a hygienic plug to seal the hole.



WaterAid/Jon Spaul

Pit

Latrines pits will vary depending on soil type. Where soil is loose, pits need to be lined with cement rings or blocks.

“We spent five days excavating the pit (there were four of us young men). It took one day to mould the blocks and another day to line the pit.”

Sulemana Isa, Tamale, Ghana

A day in the life of...

James Longwe is a Programme Officer and has worked for WaterAid in rural Malawi since 2002. Here James explains a typical day.

“ I wake up between 5am and 5.30am. I ride my bike for about 30 minutes, or help my wife Elisy with chores. I leave the house at around 7.15, and drive the 7km to the WaterAid office, dropping my wife at work and my son Ephraim at school on the way.

The first thing I do when I arrive at work at 7.30am is check my emails and prioritise my tasks for the day.

My main area of interest is how a lack of safe water, good sanitation facilities and hygiene practices affect women and girls. I help to provide water and sanitation in the Machinga district of Malawi, and composting latrines in Mzimba district.

People in the communities did not have adequate sanitation and their environment and health were heavily affected by open defecation. The coming of the project started with the formation and training of committees which promote good hygiene practices.

Our projects bring clean water into the communities. The committees manage the water systems themselves,

charging users a small fee to buy spare parts and pay people to repair the system

One time, someone was complaining about paying that small fee for the water. A wise man told them that if they want free water they should go back to the unclean river.

This to me is inspiring because there are people within the community who quickly understand the issues and help to explain to those who might have resisted the message.

I drive home for lunch. My favourite dish is chicken with nsima, which is a thick porridge made from maize flour. I return to the office for the afternoon and leave at 5pm. In the evening I spend time with my family watching TV and go to bed at 10pm.

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WaterAid/Layton Thompson

James plays with a family in Maleta village.

In Malawi:

£10 could provide a water quality assessment for one household and one water point.

£28 is enough to train a mason to maintain a handpump.

£44 could pay to provide a water point committee with management skills.



“There are people within the community who quickly understand the issues.”

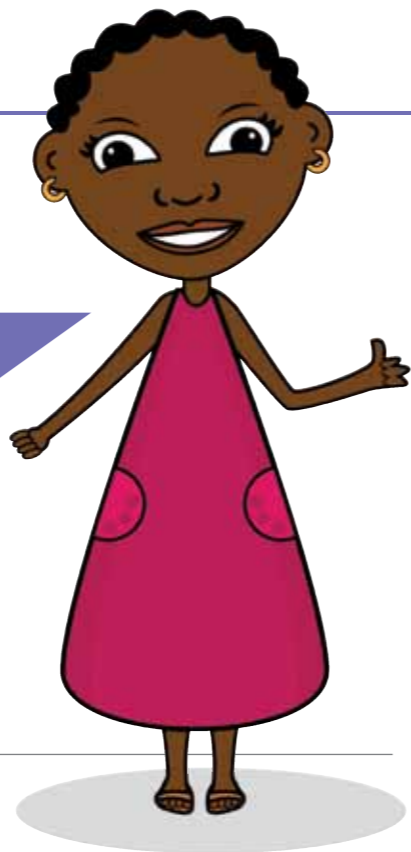


Addressing a community meeting in Maleta village, Malawi.

WaterAid/Layton Thompson

Splash out!

Hi, I'm Amina! Welcome to **Splash out**, where you can find out all sorts of things about water, toilets and what we do in Africa and Asia. Please let us know what you think of this new section in *Oasis* by emailing splashout@wateraid.org.



Water joke!

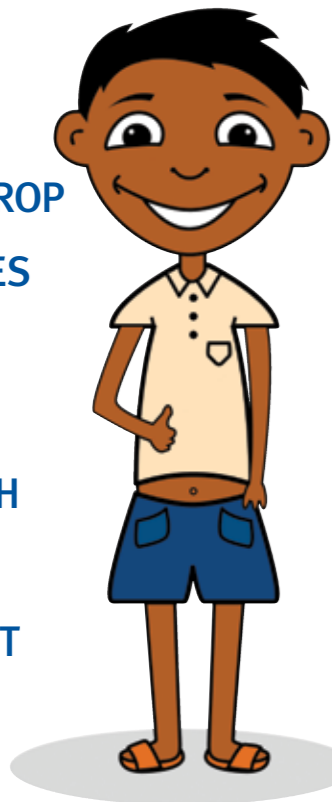
What did the sink say to the tap?
You're a real drip!



Watery wordsearch

Chandra has hidden ten water-related words in the grid to the right. The words are listed below. See if you can find them all...

- DRIP
- WASH
- RAINDROP
- WELLIES
- PUMP
- TAP
- SPLASH
- FLUSH
- BUCKET
- RIVER



A	D	R	A	I	B	F	I	T	R
D	C	W	U	F	A	I	U	O	I
R	R	A	I	N	D	R	O	P	V
I	T	S	W	E	L	Y	D	U	E
P	J	H	K	A	G	S	O	M	R
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I	Y	U	A	Y	I	P	U	T	S
W	E	L	L	I	E	S	C	X	T
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B	U	C	K	E	T	D	R	E	L
R	Y	O	P	T	E	K	E	N	B

Design WaterAid's new Christmas card!

We are calling all young artists and designers to enter our exciting new competition to design one of WaterAid's 2010 Christmas cards.

Two winning entries will see their card printed and produced to be sold in 2010 to raise funds for our life-changing work.

If you are between seven and 15 visit our website at www.wateraid.org/christmascard, email splashout@wateraid.org or call **0845 6000 433** to find out more!



Spot the difference

Nine year old Mina is from Nepal. WaterAid helped her school to build taps and loos for all the pupils to use. She says: "We learn we should brush our teeth, and wash our hands before eating and after the toilet. If I don't do this I'll get sick and I'll get all itchy." There have been lots of changes for Mina, but can you spot the five differences in these photos?



Answers: 1. The tap, 2. Mina's headband, 3. Mina's earrings, 4. Mina's bracelet, 5. Girl in background's cup.

Did you know...?

For every **five** people on **earth**, **two don't have a loo!** That means **40%** of people have to go outside **wherever they can.**



Human poo spreads disease. **One gram** can contain **ten million viruses!**

Building a loo can be very cheap. It just takes **training, support** and some **local materials.**

If you've enjoyed these pages and want to have more watery fun, then visit our *Splash out* website for more facts, games and films. www.wateraid.org/splashout.

Get involved

Dates for 2009/2010

Coast Along for WaterAid

12 September

Join us on the South West Coast Path in England and the Pembrokeshire Coast Path in Wales. The aim: to get at least one team of walkers on each of the 96 path sections and raise over £100,000 for WaterAid. Visit www.coastalongforwateraid.org.

Water for harvest, water for life

Autumn

The Archbishop of York is urging everyone to use their harvest activities to give water for life. Our appeal pack has everything your church or school needs to raise funds with a special harvest service for WaterAid. Order your pack today by calling **020 7793 4594** or at www.wateraid.org/harvest.

Cisco Euro Challenge

24 – 27 September

If you are after non-stop action, adrenalin and adventure, join us on this amazing corporate team challenge. Email ciscoeuro@wateraid.org for details.



Team spirit on the Cisco Euro challenge.

Big National Ceilidh

17 October

See opposite for details.

Buckets of Pennies for Buckets of Water

Harvest celebrations/19 November

Have fun and donate spare change during your school's harvest celebrations or on World Toilet Day on 19 November? Visit www.wateraid.org/buckets.



Caedmon schoolchildren in Yorkshire with their collection.

London Marathon

25 April 2010

Join 35,000 runners on the streets of London and run 26.2 miles for WaterAid. Places on the team go fast, so sign up here www.wateraid.org/marathon.

Come along and help at WaterAid events. The WaterAid Events Team are always looking for volunteers. Please email events@wateraid.org for more details.

The Big National Ceilidh

Organise a ceilidh on 17 October and join thousands of people dancing across the UK for WaterAid. Last year, the Big National Ceilidh raised over £40,000 for our work!

The event is the brainchild of WaterAid volunteers, David and Joey Oliver. David said: "We thought it would be great if we could get lots of dances going simultaneously, right across Britain. We chose to support WaterAid because of the fantastic work it does."

Visit www.wateraid.org/ceilidh or call **0845 6000 433** for your free Big National Ceilidh fundraising pack.



Joey Oliver gets the party started.

Taste for life

Simply host a food event (a Sunday lunch, a formal dinner party, an afternoon tea, a business breakfast?) and invite your guests to make a donation and encourage them to join the Taste for Life network by holding their own event! Find out more at www.wateraid.org/tasteforlife.



Campaign for WaterAid

In January 2010 we will be running free workshops across the country to help you build your campaigning skills and change the world with WaterAid! Places are free but limited. Register your interest and find out more by emailing campaigns@wateraid.org.

Win the WaterAid lottery!

Every month there's the chance to win a top prize of £500, four prizes of £100 and two of £50! It's simple and fun to play – each entry costs just £1 by Direct Debit. Join today at www.wateraid.org/lottery.

On the high street

Boots and brollies

Make a splash with a pair of WaterAid Hunter wellies or a smart umbrella, with £10 from each sale going to WaterAid. Visit www.hunterboot.com.



Charity of the year

Whether at school, at church or with your company, you can make a lasting difference by choosing WaterAid as your Charity of the Year.

Christmas cards

Support WaterAid this Christmas by buying some of our beautiful cards from our SH2OP for life catalogue or at Waterstone's or Paperchase.



A gift that will never be forgotten



WaterAid/Eva-Lotta Jansson

“Water is an absolute essential. A gift in my will, however small, contributes to WaterAid’s resources – turning my pounds into clean, safe water for people I shall never know. So they, too, will have this basic necessity for life.”
Patricia McBeth, WaterAid supporter.

Your wonderful support has helped us reach over 13 million people since 1981 with life-saving water, sanitation and improved hygiene. That’s millions of communities with brighter, healthier futures.

Our work cannot stop until we realise our vision of a world where everyone has access to safe water and sanitation. With our passionately dedicated staff and partners we are transforming lives every single day with simple, sustainable solutions. The benefits of our essential work will be passed down from generation to generation.

And that’s why I hope you will consider a gift to WaterAid in your Will. Perhaps over the following weeks, months or even years you can decide if this would be appropriate for you. I realise that this is a personal matter and I would like to offer you some further information to help you decide.

Whatever you decide, thank you so much for taking the time to consider my request.

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For more information on this important way of giving, please complete this form and return to me in the envelope provided: **Freepost RRRZ-YRRB-ELKE, WaterAid, MELKSHAM, SN12 6YY.**

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- Please send me further information on this important way of giving.
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If there is anything else you’d like to tell us please do so below.